

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the Title and the first paragraph, insert the following new paragraph:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a National Stage entry of International Application Number PCT/FI2004/000331, filed June 1, 2004. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated herein in its entirety by reference. –

After page 27, insert the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of processing a data record for finding a counterpart in a reference data set. In the data record a value of a data field is determined, where the data field represents an identifier. At least one synonym candidate for the value of the data field is determined from a set of predetermined identifier values. It is determined if a synonym candidate and the value of the data field fulfill a predetermined synonym acceptance criterion, and if the predetermined synonym acceptance criterion is fulfilled, the value of the data field and the synonym candidate are associated as synonyms. Thereafter a search for a counterpart for the data record is conducted by comparing to entries of the reference data set the value of the data field and/or a synonym associated with the value of the data field.